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Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

KMS Morris Power, Inc.

03-0607

Investigation of compliance with Order granting OSWEF status.

# RESPONDENT'S APPLICATION FOR REHEARING

Respondent, LePetomane VI, Inc., (the "Receiver") not individually, but solely as Receiver for KMS Morris Power, Inc. ("KMS Morris"), by and through its counsel, Louis D. Bernstein and Theodore F. Kommers, pursuant to 83 Illinois Administrative Code Section 200.880, applies for rehearing of the Commission's Order dated April 27, 2004 (the "Order") and states as follows:

The Receiver applies for rehearing with respect to the following issue:

ISSUE: Whether it is appropriate for the Commission to adjudicate the

amount of tax credits allegedly owed by KMS Morris to the State and enter a judgment against KMS Morris in that amount in the absence of a request for monetary relief by Staff or contemplation of a monetary award by the Commission in its Initiating Order?

ANSWER: No. Entry of a monetary judgment against KMS Morris in excess

of \$1,400,000 under these circumstances violates KMS Morris'

Constitutional due process rights.

The Receiver brought this specific issue to the attention of the Commission during the pendency of this proceeding in (1) its Response to Staff's Post-Hearing Brief (pp. 1-3), filed on March 26, 2004, (2) Respondent's Brief on Exceptions to Proposed Order (pp. 2-11), filed on April 6, 2004, and (3) Respondent's Reply in Support of Brief on Exceptions to Proposed Order (pp. 1-2), filed on April 12, 2004. The Receiver adopts the arguments contained in the above-referenced pleadings.

By way of summary, the Receiver objects to the Commission's adjudication of the amount of tax credits allegedly owed to the State and an assessment of that amount because such relief was not requested by Staff in the Staff Report and it was not sought or contemplated in the Commission's Initiating Order. The only relief ever sought by the Staff Report and Initiating Order, upon a finding that KMS Morris failed to comply with the Qualifying Order, was revocation of KMS Morris' QSWEF status.

The Order itself acknowledges this. It provides "The Staff report does not explicitly request tax credit reimbursement. Similarly, the initiating Order, which adopted the terms of relief requested in the Staff Report, does not specifically state that a judgment requiring reimbursement was one of the potential penalties to which KMS Morris was subject in this proceeding." Order at 6. The Commission's analysis should have stopped there. In the absence of a request for monetary relief by Staff, the monetary award in excess of \$1.4 million is a direct violation of KMS Morris' Constitutional due process rights.

The Receiver also wishes to clarify certain inaccuracies in the Order. On page 6, the Order states,

Both the Staff Report and the initiating Order state that the failure to establish the tax credit reimbursement fund was a principle reason for initiating the case. . . . From the initiating [O]rder, it is clear that the purposes of investigating the Respondent included determining if it had ignored its statutory responsibility to set up a tax credit reimbursement fund. Directing KMS Morris to comply with the statute and to put the required amount in the fund flows from that determination.

Clearly, the purpose of the Staff Report was to recommend opening an investigation to determine whether KMS Morris complied with the Commission's direction to establish a reimbursement

assessment of such credits and (2) that the Commission grant such other and further relief in

KMS Morris' favor as deemed appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

LE PETOMANE VI, INC., not individually, but solely as the duly appointed Receiver

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03-0607

Investigation of compliance with Order granting QSWEF status and with

Sec. 8-403.1 of the Public Utilities Act

### **NOTICE OF FILING**

To: See Attached

Certificate of Service List

Please take notice that on May 26, 2004, we forwarded for filing with the Illinois

Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701, the attached

Respondent's Application for Rehearing, in the above captioned matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sharyl L. Amodeo, a non-attorney, state, pursuant to §1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that I caused copies of **Respondent's Application for Rehearing**, upon the ICC located at 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701, via overnight mail, and to the remaining persons on the service list via electronic mail and regular mail, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004, before the hour of 5:00 p.m.

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